

**Table 7-1. Malignant mesothelioma: Number of deaths by sex, race, and age, and median age at death, U.S. residents age 15 and over, 1999**

Site	No. of Deaths	Under-lying Cause (%)	Sex		Race			Age Group (yrs)								Median Age (yrs)
			Male	Female	White	Black	Other	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	
Pleura	252	90.1	219	33	240	10	2	-	-	2	12	32	101	86	19	72.0
Peritoneum	92	90.2	62	30	90	2	-	-	-	2	10	23	31	20	6	69.5
Other Sites	427	90.4	345	82	407	14	6	1	2	3	23	61	134	154	49	74.0
Unspecified	1,773	92.9	1,424	349	1,673	83	17	1	2	26	94	279	572	654	145	73.0
Any Site	2,485	94.3	1,995	490	2,355	105	25	2	4	33	138	389	818	888	213	73.0

- indicates no deaths listed.

NOTE: The sum of individual site death totals may be greater than the the total number of deaths for “any site” because some decedents have more than one site of mesothelioma listed on their death certificates. See appendices for source description, methods, and ICD codes.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics multiple cause of death data.